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THE DIPLOMAT:

Effective now, the Gamesmasters telephone list is revised as follows: 723-6940 is replaced by 723-6241. As noted in AEOLUS #1, the 784-1132 number is a sure-thing, all other numbers come under the category of "best possibility".

The effect on mail delivery of this year's postal increase fingers on in the form of a noticeable 1 day transit lag. As a consequence, negotiation periods will be increased up to 7 days whenever winter or retreat moves occur.

There has been an extraordinary number of phoned in moves. Now I am delighted to see your enthusiastic desire to get those moves in on time, however it is a pretty penny for you to spend. Mail delivery to and from Melbourne can be labeled excellent (in spite of the increase). Time in transit from anypoint in the continental U.S., is usually 3 days; from Canada 4 days (airmail). Now we all know that the U.S. Post Office's objective is to send all first class mail by plane. But keep in mind the thought that at times first class mail does move via surface means. Melbourne does have a jetport with good connections north and west.

It has been suggested that the AEOLUS players send in comments on their Diplomatic Ideas and decisions, these to be published at the game's end. Those who have read 66AV's wrap-up can appreciate the review that results. The Gamesmaster welcomes all material submitted for this resume.

DIPLOMACY MILIEU:

1. BIG BROTHER #54: only two openings left in regular game #8; \$6.00 fee (Charles Reinse 120 8th Ave., Clarion, PA 16214).
2. BROBDINGNAG #80: 66AV ends and an excellent summary of the action is provided (John McCallum, Ralston, Alberta, Canada).
3. DIPLOPHOBIA #19: more regular games open and most important of all, your editor gains live competition (Don Miller 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, MD 20906).
4. JUTLAND JOLLIES # 9: JJ giub-blubbing distortion, covers up the actual withdrawal of CNOFA membership privileges; Smythe's enemies now are in the 50% category (Robert Lake 35 Esterbrooke Ave., Apt. #904, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada).
5. XANADU: a new publication having lofty standards and many game openings; \$3.00 Game fee (Norman McLeod 906 Kimberwicke Road, McLean, VA 22101).
6. Honors to the recent game winners: John Koning, Germany-66L; Charles Wells, England-66AV; Bud Pendergrass Germany-66AU; James Dygert France-66BJ.

1957BA Fall 1901

A E O L U S

25 January 1968

ENGLISH WARSHIPS OFF ST. PETERSBURG
FRENCH OVERRUN IBERIAN PENINSULA

RUSSIAN MARINES REPULSED AT VARNA

AUSTRIA: A Bud to Trf; A Ser (S) A Bud to Trf; F Alb to Gre.
(Griffin)

ENGLAND: A Yor to My; F Nch (C) A Yor to My; F Ing to Ser.
(Austin)

FRANCE: A Bar to Bel; A Mar to Spa; F Ald to Por.
(Reinsel)

GERMANY: F Hol to Kfg; A Mun to Ruh; A Kle to Dan.
(Kuch)

ITALY: A Tyr to Vie; A Ven to Tyr; F Ion to Tun.
(Leitch)

RUSSIA: F Bot to Sme; A Mos Stand; A Gal (S) Italian A Tyr to Vie;
(Watts) F Bks to Bul (or).

TURKEY: A Smy to Ank; F Con Stand; A Bul Stand.
(Long)

DEADLINES: Winter 1901: 2 February 1968.

Spring 1902: 12 February 1968.

SUPPLY CENTER COUNT: (Coins: 14444).

AUSTRIA:	Wld, Bud, Trf, Ser, Gre.	(4) Build 1
ENGLAND:	3 Home, Mor.	(4) Build 1
FRANCE:	3 Home, Spa, Por.	(5) Build 2
GERMANY:	3 Home, Bal, Dan.	(5) Build 2
ITALY:	3 Home, Vie, Tun.	(5) Build 2
RUSSIA:	4 Home, Sme.	(5) Build 1
TURKEY:	3 Home, Bul.	(4) Build 1

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PRESS RELEASES:

Berlin: The Geheimnisstaatspolizei have become suspicious of local S.I.C. officials. Why do they always drive GM cars?

S.I.C., Paris Field Office: The S.I.C. today replaced every typesetter and printer in Paris with men experienced in those trades. The confusing legibility which resulted in the French press, threw the entire course of French policy into chaos.

Geneva: Available complete: The Adventures of O-O-Hate by John Boardgame. Never read. By anyone. \$3.50 or trade for Blackhawk.

PRESS RELEASES cont:

Headquarters, S.I.C.: Unpublicity Director Pussy Katz expressed satisfaction with the progress of the war in Europe. "So far five countries have been invaded," she smirked. "Inevitably, accusations of S.I.C. conspiracies are flying thick and fast. And business is excellent. So far we have betrayed Albania to Austria, Austria to Italy and Italy to San Marino. By the time this news reaches the press, an army of 500,000 Sammarinese will descend from the Appennines and, armed with an infallible system we have taught them, clean out every gambling house on the Riviera."

1967BA

Winter 1961

2 February 1968

AUSTRIA (Griffin): Build A Budapest.

ENGLAND (Austin): Build F Edinburgh.

FRANCE (Reinsel): Build A Paris; Build F Brest.

GERMANY (Kuch): Build A Kiel; Build A Munich.

ITALY (Leitch): Build F Venice; Build A Rome.

RUSSIA (Wells): Build F St. Petersburg(NC).

TURKEY (Long): Build F Smyrna.

PRESS RELEASE: "What is the S.I.C.?"

The rating list discussions in progress, in the magazines BRODDINGNAG and STAB, have more than once dwelt upon the fact that rating lists in general are a record of past trends. It has been asked if these past trends are indicative of a country's future position in the lists. If we associate the appeal of a country with the player's effort to win, a general assumption can be made of the country's potential. For example, a player feels confident and eager when assigned country "X"; when assigned country "Y", the same player will have reservations and will not develop "Y" with the same energy as "X".

The AEOLUS players submitted country preference lists. Assuming that the appeal of a country does equate with its potential, we are able to compile a country list of the future, using the listed preferences of the players. The latest lists from BRODDINGNAG, GLOCKORLA and STAB (average center-yr/yr), are provided for comparison.

BRODDINGNAG	GLOCKORLA	STAB
1. Russia	1. Turkey	1. Turkey
2. England	2. England	2. Austria
3. Germany	3. Russia	3. Russia
& Turkey	4. France	4. France
5. France	5. Austria	5. England
6. Austria	6. Italy	6. Italy
7. Italy	7. Germany	7. Germany

RUSSO - TURKISH WAR FEARED IMMINENT
GERMANS TAKE BRUSSELS

FRANCE: A Bur to Bel; A Par to Pic; A Spa to Mar; F Bre to Eng;
(Reinsel) F Por to Mid.

GERMANY: A Ruh to Bel; F Hol (S) A Ruh to Bel; A Den to Swe; A Kie to Ruh;
(Kuch) A Mun (S) A Kie to Ruh.

ITALY: A Vie (S) Russian A Gal to Bud; A Tyr (S) A Vie; F Ven to Adr;
(Leitch) A Rom to Ven; F Tun to Ion.

RUSSIA: F Swe to Ska; F Stp(nc) Stand; A Mos (S) F Stp(nc); A Gal to Bud;
(Wells) F Bla Stand.

AUSTRIA: A Bud (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Bud; A Ser (S) A Tri; F Gre to Alb.
(Griffin)

ENGLAND: A Nor Stand; F Nth (S) A Nor; F Bar (S) A Nor; F Edi to Nwg.
(Austin)

TURKEY: A Ank to Arm; A Bul to Rum; F Con to Ank; F Smy to Con.
(Long)

DEADLINE: Fall 1902: 29 February 1968.

PRESS RELEASES:

France declares war on Germany and asks help of English to obtain Belgium from Germans!

HEADQUARTERS, S.I.C.: Miss Pussy Katz, Unpublicity Director of S.I.C., today announced that S.I.C. recruitment had jumped 137% since Italy seized Vienna. "This Austrian leaflet alone is bringing them in in droves," she informed the press. Miss Katz then circulated copies of a handbill run off in a cellar in Vienna following that city's occupation. The handbill urged Austrians to rise against the Italian troops, and claimed that Austria's defeat was the result of a betrayal "engineered by a nefarious conspiracy of freemasons, stonemasons, Jesuits, half-wits, international bankers, First National Bankers, Bulgarians, vulgarians, cossacks, Gypsies, and drug peddlers". This conspiracy, according to the handbill, "has all the resources of Wall Street, the City of London, and the Vatican at its disposal and has agents distributed everywhere."

"Needless to say," Miss Katz went on, "this description of the vast wealth and power of our S.I.C. makes every ambitious man and woman with an eye to the future interested in joining us. Now if any of you reporters would care to"

Before Miss Katz could finish speaking, thirtyfive reporters, eight photographers, and the delivery boy from the coffee shop had filled out application blanks to join the S.I.C..

FRANCE to ENGLAND: This fleet is to help liberate Belgium, it is not to attack England.

LUXEMBURG BRANCH, S.I.C.: Local S.I.C. Director Comrade Doctor Baron Neander Thalmann, S.J., K.B.E., L.A.M.F. today expressed pleasure over (cont. on pg. 6)

DIPLOMATIC POUCH:

John Beshara 155 West 68th Street, Apt. 1021, New York, New York 10023: Since I, too, was one of the principals involved in the discussion of A4b, there are some pertinent factors neither Tom Griffin nor you mentioned:

In the example given of Austria moving Bud to Ser supported by Tri and Russia moving Ser to Tri supported by Vie with Rum going to Ser, there were only four alternate "good" moves available to Austria:

- 1) Bud and Ser support each other
- 2) Bud to Vie supported by Tri
- 3) Tri to Ser supported by Bud
- 4) Tri to Vie supported by Bud

Had Austria made any of those four alterante moves, no one would dispute the fact that he would still own two units. The fact that Austria had only five conceivable choices and chose the wrong one is relevant to Tom's contention that Russia "GUESSED WRONG".

Furthermore, it is hardly realistic to ascribe to Russia the combination of plays made by Griffin; they are bad. In the given situation, had Russia moved A Rum to Bud, then out of the five "good" moves available to Austria, Russia would have gained a unit four out of five times and in the fifth instance there would have been a draw. By moving Rum to Bud, Russia had an 80 percent shot at gaining a unit and could not lose a unit; wheras, by moving Rum to Ser Griffin has given Russia only a "debateable" 20 percent chance of gaining a unit. And, as compared to the moves ascribed to Austria, Austria guessed wrong, again.

During the past year I have had several discussions with Alan Calhamer concerning his published rules and he, too, feels there are ambiguities and he intends to revise the rules.

Some areas discussed were:

- a) He feels that the question of a dislodged unit giving support needs rethinking; that the rules are presently ambiguous; that he is presently inclined to feel that support should be cut.
- b) There is the matter of the Western Meditteranean and Gulf of Lyon supporting Spain (nc). Though both can move to Spain, they cannot move to the North Coast.
- c) There is the matter of fleet Bulgaria (sc), supporting Rumania, though it cannot move to Rumania at all.
- d) It is his contention that in this example:

A Bud to Ser.

A Rum (S) A Bud to Ser

A Gal to Bud

vs

A Ser to Bud

that obviously Bud succeeds into Ser, but Ser has not prevented Gal from succeeding into Bud. According to the present rules, Calhamer says Gal is prevented from succeeding into Bud just as it would have been had there been no army in Ser and an army in Tir had moved to Bud.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH (cont.)

e) Another confusing issue:

A Tri to Ser.

A Vie to Tri.

A Bud (S) A Vie to Tri.

vs

A Ser to Tri.

F Adr (S) A Ser to Tri.

Some gamesmasters feel that though Ser does not succeed into Tri, that Tri should be forced to retreat. Calhamer's view is that nothing moves.

My own personal feelings regarding a dislodged unit giving support have previously been published and support your own view. However, after hearing strong contrary arguments from Griffin and Greg Long, particularly with regard to reducing the effectiveness of defense, I think this issue is intertwined with other issues to such a degree that the total posture needs rethinking.

(Ed. Note. Your fitting of the phrase "GUESSED WRONG" to Austria, describes exactly the AEOLUS ruling on Tom's situation.)

As a matter of interest, John McCallum published a Calhamer letter in BROODINGNAG #50, which in principle agreed with the present AEOLUS AAB. Calhamer's approach to the problem was strongly entwined with the "Defense" in Diplomacy.

AEOLUS interpretations for the additional problems you mentioned:

- b) F Lya (S) F Spa(nc) does succeed.
- c) F Bul(sc) (S) A Run or F Run does not succeed.
- d) See Rule A3.
- e) See Rule A2.)

Norm Zinkhan, Box 322, Sub Post Office #6, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada: I have to agree with Tom Griffin on rule AAB, although I have to admit your version of it simplifies things somewhat. The point I have in mind is that players would not be so willing to double cross if they thought the person they were about to double cross would be able to put up a very tenacious fight. Also the giving of the advantage to the defense reflects the essentially defensive nature of the war of that period. Your version is very likely the best for the game, for as you say the situation in the game will become more fluid because of the rule.

(Ed. Note. May I understand that your reference to simplification refers to AAB's fit with "Koning's Rule"? The opposite ruling (against Koning's A3) and AAB) is taken in Greatstart, which could also be called a simplification.

World War I in application did have a defensive nature. However the spirit of the offensive was the guiding voice. Unfortunately, for those involved in the great attacks, the modern machine gun did drown out that voice.)

the confused military situation in the Low Countries. "We adroitly fouled up the German orders," he told an S.I.C. agent's conference in a subterranean fortification dating from the Middle Ages. "We that their fleet in Holland was ordered back to Kiel rather than to Belgium. At the same time we made the French marching orders so legible that no one could understand them; this kept the French First Army from entering Belgium."

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AUSTRIAN - RUSSIAN FIREFIGHT AT LEMBERG
GERMANS MASS ON FRENCH BORDER

AUSTRIA: F Tri to Alb; A Bud to Ser; A Vie to Gal.
(McCallum)

ENGLAND: F Lon to Nth; A Lpl to Yor; F Edl to Nwg,
(Latimer)

FRANCE: F Bre to Mid; A Par to Bur; A Mar to Bur.
(Carey)

GERMANY: F Kle to Hol; A Han to Ruh; A Ber to Mun,
(Korling)

ITALY: F Nap to Ion; A Rom to Nap; A Ven Stand.
(Lake)

RUSSIA: F Stp(sc) to Bot; F Sev to Bla; A Mos to Ukr; A War to Gal.
(Proshitz)

TURKEY: A Con to Bul; F Ank to Btg; A Smy to Con,
(Cochran)

DEADLINE: Fall 1901: 22 February 1968.

PRESS RELEASES:

Paris (23 October 1900): President Clement Armand Fallieres of France died this morning in his sleep, bringing an end to the Third Republic. News of his demise brought cheers from Lemberg, which along with the rest of the country held him personally responsible for the nationwide depression of the last two years. Although quite unpopular with the people, in view of the growing militancy of the European powers, Fallieres' death comes at an awkward time. It leaves France leaderless, as Fallieres' last official act was to dissolve the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies; it leaves France split over the question of monarchism, with the northerners supporting the Count of Paris and the southerners firmly behind the Count of Chambord. Both sides are rumored to be outfitting large numbers of peasants with weapons and secretly competing for the support of the army, under General Jacques Strappe. Meanwhile, Finance Minister Joseph Calliax is attempting to organize a provisional government until the people decide who is to be the next ruler of France, and how he is to rule.

SEMUR-EN-AUXOIS (4 January 1901): Followers of both claimants to the French throne have ended their pitched battle near this Burgundian village. After fighting for several days, the Counts of Paris and Chambord arranged a truce to bury the dead and collect the wounded. Late this afternoon, both sides, having lost thousands of men in the debacle, agreed to withdraw to Paris and Lyons, respectively, ending the fighting for the time being.

When the world thermometer registers, "not war, not peace," it is hard to decide whether to follow military judgements or political judgements.

- John Foster Dulles

PRESS RELEASES:

The Lay of Lucifer (Part 1): Wherein His Satanic Majesty receives the representation of various of his earthly subjects.

"Well," said Lucifer, taking a refreshing draught of boiling brimstone, "here it is another century, and all is peace. January 1st, 1901, and not a gunshot to be heard."

"Disgusting," agreed the noble Mephisopheles, His Majesty's chief messenger.

Suddenly, the trumpets in the audience chamber sounded. Tail twitching, Lucifer leaped to his cloven feet. "Huzzah!" he cried, "no doubt a messenger from Our loyal subjects above!" But no--not one messenger, but fully seven awaited the entrance of the greatest and most powerful of earthly rulers.

"Well, what have we here? What? A messenger from Our loyal subject, Emperor Johann of Austria! How nice... Hail, England! How stands Our cousin, King James III? France too? How nice of King Charles XI to send Us his submission, as he has often done before. We trust he is not in danger of the guillotine. No? Excellent. Ah, Germany. No doubt Kaiser Johann wishes a new boon. And here! Here are emissaries of King Roberto of Italy, of Tsar Yevgeniy of Russia, of Sultan Sidi-Kokran of Turkey. How splendid! And all bearing gifts; shall it be that seven Kings shall attend Us where only three came to that imposter, Yeshua Ha-Nostril? Ha! What is it you want, gentlemen?"

With that, the assembled dignitaries began to speak together, filling the Great Infernal Audience Chamber with the babble of seven tongues. Spreading His great wings and raising His hands, His Satanic Majesty called for silence. "Gentlemen, gentlemen! We can guess only too well what you want; tell Us, is there war?" There was general assent. "How good! But whom can We favor out of so many faithful servants?"

"Us, us, us, us!" cried M. le Comte du St. Lo, the French Suppliant. "Give us revanche!"

"Against whom?"

"Quelle difference, Majeste Satanique: les Bosche, les Anglais; vive la guerre!" The little round Frenchman began jumping up and down in his excitement, beating alternately on the heads of Sir Cecil Hardesty-Posh, the English Suppliant, and Baron Miklos Von Rottenegg, the German Suppliant. With that, the Italian Suppliant, Count Bernardo O'Higgins, rushed upon Duke Ferdinand of Hapsburg-Lippe, the Austrian Suppliant, with a stiletto, while the latter attempted to blow up the Turkish Suppliant, Hizmetce Ozel Pasha, with a blunderbuss while the Russian Suppliant, Prince Ivan Ivanovich Butinsky, seemed bent on assassinating everybody with an Alexander II Cocktail (well, whoever heard of a Molotov Cocktail in 1901).

"Cease!" cried Lucifer, "desist! Halt! Stop!!" Slowly, the pandemonium died away. "Now, We commend you all on your efforts to revive the fine old art of war, but not here in our audience chamber, please. Now, obviously, We cannot reward you all; therefore, We shall give Our greatest favor to the nation most responsible for touching off this touching little holocaust."

At this the French Suppliant began again to belabor the English Suppliant and the German Suppliant, while crying "Vive la Belligerent France..." but wait! Another figure, dressed in black, appears at the door. It is a woman, proud and stately, her pallid face setting off her ruby lips and flashing green eyes. "Fools!" her husky voice whispers. "how dare you claim to have started the war that only I am responsible for? Favor me and my cause, O Satanic Majesty; I am the most faithful of thy servants!"

Who is the woman in black? Will Lucifer favor her? With what? How will the glorious new war go? Whom will France seek revanche against? Where will

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PRESS RELEASES cont:

the daggers of betrayal and treachery strike first? Perhaps the answers will be in Part II of the Lay of Lucifer. But then, perhaps not ...

PARIS (16 February 1901): Long live the King! Long live the House of Valois! Long live La Belle France! Duke Charles of Angouleme has ascended to the French throne as Charles XI, and will be crowned at Rheims sometime this month. The unexpected news came about as a result of a meeting of Consul Caillaux, the hawkish Counts and their supporters, and many former Senators and Deputies. After debating the issue for two days, the convention began looking for a compromise candidate agreeable to both sides. The Duke was their selection, a descendent of Henry III, last King of the House of Valois, and a much-admired man throughout France. His prudent leadership enabled the people of Saintogne and Peltou to enjoy prosperity during the recent depression, and he is well-re membered for his heroic deeds in the Franco-Prussian War. Charles, also called "le Carre", meaning wise one, brings a stability to the French government which it has not seen in decades. All the people of France have faith in their new ruler, King Charles XI, le Carre, of the House of Valois.

THE SUBLIME PORTE, 2/10/1190A.H.: Ismet Effendi, Ambassador of the Porte to the Imperial Court at Vienna has been requested to return home for consultations. With Omar Pasha, the representative of the Sultan's dignity in the frozen northern wastes already in this country for a vacation pending the Spring thaw, the question arises as to whether the Sultan's highness is even expecting a crisis to develop. The principal evidence that anything may be about to happen is the sudden disappearance of Miss Kitty Nicelegs, the mistress of the Ambassador from Denmark and reputed principal agent of S.I.C. at the Golden Horn.

ALEXANDRETTA, 3/2/1190 A.H.: In accordance with the recent Imperial Test Act, five hundred Christian civil servants in government offices in the province have been discharged as disqualified from holding any public office of honor or emolument whatever by reason of their polytheism.

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